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AGREEMENT

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1. OVER THE WEEK-END, U.S.-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION (DCA)  
WAS GENERALLY OVERSHADOWED IN TURKISH PRESS BY IMPENDING  
CONFIDENCE VOTE ON DEMIREL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER MATTERS OF  
LOCAL INTEREST. ON JULY 30, BOTH MODERATE "MILLIYET" AND  
OEFTIST "CUMHURIYET" IN BRIEF REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT  
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CARRIED DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT OF CLARIFICATION PER STATE  
177699 (DTG 29001Z JUL 77). ONLY EDITORIAL MENTION JULY  
30 WAS IN MASS CIRCULATION "GUNAYDIN" WHICH SAID THAT  
GREECE WILL EXPECT PRIORITY RATIFICATION OF ITS DCA AND WILL  
CONTINUE EXTENSIVE LOBBYING TO KEEP THE TURKISH DCA IN  
ABEYANCE. "GUNAYDIN" CONTINUED THAT "TENDENCY OF THE  
U.S. CONGRESS IS KNOWN"; UNTIL TURKEY MAKES CONCESSIONS

ON CYPRUS, DCA WILL NOT BE RATIFIED AND, INDEED, EVEN IF THE TWO AGREEMENTS ARE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS AT THE SAME TIME, THE TURKISH DCA "MAY BE POSTPONED." "GUNAYDIN" ARGUED THAT, AS RESULT OF CONGRESSIONAL INACTION ON TURKISH DCA, GREECE WILL BECOME STRONGER AND HAS IN FACT INCREASED ITS MILITARY STRENGTH ON CYPRUS AND AEGEAN ISLANDS. THIS EDITORIAL CONCLUDED: "JUST AS AMERICA ARRANGES RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, SHE ENABLES GREECE TO FORTIFY HER POSITION VIS-A-VIS TURKEY MILITARILY, AND THIS ONLY INCITES RIVALRY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, LEADS TO THE HARDENING OF POSITIONS, AND DOES NOT PAVE THE WAY FOR PEACE".

2. ALSO ON JULY 30, "HURRIYET" REPORT DETELINED ATHENS SAID THAT "UNDISCLOSED ARTICLE" OF U.S.-GREEK DCA IS USG ASSURANCE THAT TURKEY WILL NOT ATTACK GREECE IN AEGEAN. "HURRIYET" CORRESPONDENT ALSO SAID U.S. SIXTH FLEET IS "POLICING" AEGEAN AND THAT FLEET WOULD SIDE WITH GREEKS IN EVENT OF A GREEK-TURKISH CLASH. THIS ARTICLE ALSO SAID USG HAS AGREED TO POSTPONEMENT AND LATER CANCELLATION OF AMBASSADOR'S SCHAUFELLE'S APPOINTMENT, JOINT U.S.-GREEK NAVAL EXERCISES IN PELOPONNESE, ACCELERATION OF GREEK DCA RATIFICATION BY CONGRESS, AND NOT OPPOSING GREEK CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN NATO EXERCISES. ARTICLE ALSO SAID GREECE IS BUILDING UP FORCES IN CYPRUS, INCLUDING DOUBLING IN SIZE OF TWO THOUSAND-MAN COMMANDO UNIT WHICH HAS BEEN REINFORCED

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BY BATTALION EQUIPPED WITH NATO WEAPONS.

3. CONSERVATIVE "TERCUMAN" JULY 31 SAID THAT INITIALING OF U.S.-GREEK DCA HAS CREATED REACTION IN GREECE, WITH OPPOSITION CLAIMING THAT IT IS "TRAP" FOR GETTING TURKISH DCA THROUGH CONGRESS. "TERCUMAN" ALSO SAID THAT GREEK OPPOSITION LEADER MAVROS HAD CALLED FOR EMERGENCY SESSION OF PARLIAMENT TO DISCUSS MATTER, BUT THIS WAS REJECTED BY GOG. IN LENGTHY EDITORIAL AUGUST 1, "CUMHURIYET" COMMENTED THAT, BY CONCLUDING DCA WITH BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY, USG IS TAKING THESE NATIONS UNDER "ITS POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONTROL", THUS CONTINUING POLICY IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN SINCE PROMULGATION OF THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE. REGARDING TIMING OF SUBMISSION OF DCA TO CONGRESS, "CUMHURIYET" SAID "INTERNATIONAL LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY IMMEDIATELY RATIFIED" BUT "A DELAY IN RATIFICATION POLITICALLY IS NOT FRIENDLY AND HURTS THE PRESTIGE OF THE OTHER PARTY (I.E. TURKEY)." "CUMHURIYET" FURTHER SAID USG APPROVAL OF TURKISH DCA IS PREDICATED ON GOT MAKING CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS AND, FOR THIS REASON, THE DCA SHOULD BE REJECTED BY THE TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

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